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Mr. SPEAKER :—" We shall have general discussion to-day and consideration clause by clause to-morrow."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" Even for general discussion, Members must contribute to the discussion. They must talk some sense."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Yesterday I told the Leader of the House that it was not possible for me to waive notice. But he made a special request to me to waive notice and allow this Bill to be taken up to-day, as some work had to be provided for the Council. Only after his special request, I agreed to waive notice. At the same time, he told me that this Bill had come up before the House a number of times in some form or other. We shall have general discussion to-day and take up consideration clause by clause to-morrow."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, may I submit the view of some of the Members? If the Bill is taken up to-day, we will be at a very great disadvantage and many of us have decided not to participate in the discussion, and probably we may walk out."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" I request the hon. Member not to do that. That is not a proper way of doing things."

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—" There are other pending Bills. For instance, the Bill for amending the Madras City Municipal Act may be taken up."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" In view of the special request of the Leader of the House, I hope the House will comply with it."

Sri S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" We are submitting that we have not studied, and therefore we are not prepared to discuss, the Bill. It is not our intention to waste the time of the House. Instead of wasting time on general discussion to-day, I suggest as a compromise that we could take up and finish the general discussion as well as the discussion clause by clause to-morrow."

## V.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

### MOTION UNDER RULE 22 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not want to embarrass the hon. Members. As they say that they want time to study, I am agreeable to taking up the Bill to-morrow. I move—

> '*That under rule* 22 (3) *of the Madras Assembly Rules, the first item in item II in the list of business for* 7*th May* 1954, *namely, the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Bill*, 1954, *be postponed to to-morrow* (8*th May* 1954).' "

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MR. SPEAKER :—" The question is—

' That, under rule 22 (3) of the Madras Assembly Rules, the first item in item II in the list of business for 7th May 1954, namely, the Madras Land Revenue (Surcharge) Bill, 1954, be postponed to to-morrow (8th May 1954) ."

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER :—" The next item is the Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1954."

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS—*cont.*

(2) THE MADRAS CITY MUNICIPAL (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1954 (L.C. BILL NO. 7 OF 1954).

* THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—Mr. Speaker, I move—

' *That the Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill* [a], 1954 (*L.C. Bill No.* 7 *of* 1954), *as passed by the Council be taken into consideration.*'

" Under the existing provisions of the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919, the maximum monthly salary of the Water Works Engineer of the Corporation of Madras has been limited to Rs. 800, while the maximum monthly salary of the other heads of departments like the Health Officer, the Engineer, the Electrical Engineer and the Revenue Officer has been fixed at Rs. 1,200. As the duties and responsibilities of the Water Works Engineer are no less important and onerous than those of the other heads of departments, the Corporation Council has recommended that the maximum salary of the Water Works Engineer should be raised to Rs. 1,200 so as to be on a par with the maximum salary of the Engineer or the Electrical Engineer. This is a reasonable recommendation and to give effect to it, it is proposed to amend clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of sub-section (1) of section 85 of the Madras City Municipal Act, 1919. Accordingly I have moved the motion."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That the Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 1954 (L.C. Bill No. 7 of 1954), as passed by the Council be taken into consideration.' "

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, I move—

' *That the Madras City Municipal (Amendment) Bill,* 1954 (*L.C. Bill No.* 7 *of* 1954), *as passed by the Council be taken into consideration this day six months.*' "

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" I second the amendment."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 288 infra.